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Dear Colleagues,

Please allow me to express my enthusiastic support for Dr. Thomas Stringer in his candidacy for the position of President of the American Urological Association. I have worked closely with Dr. Stringer and I know him well on both a personal and professional basis. I can summarize by saying that Tom will be an outstanding president for this organization and that his many strengths and skills will serve members of the AUA well at a time when all of organized medicine needs the very best that our leaders have to offer.

Dr. Stringer is one of a small cadre of Urologists who have excelled in both the private practice of our specialty and as a leader in a state-of-the-art academic program. This rare combination of experiences will provide insight and expertise as he carries out the duties of the office of AUA President. Our membership includes clinicians, educators and investigators, with each group having its own needs and concerns. Tom has truly “walked the walk” in every facet of urology. The AUA advocates for and provides educational opportunities to urologists practicing in every conceivable setting. Whether it is a chief resident preparing to enter solo practice in a rural setting or a department chair leading a top-tier academic program, Tom knows first-hand the challenges they face, the tools they need to succeed and the resources within the AUA that will help them move forward. There is just no substitute for that kind of experience and we are fortunate indeed to have someone with Tom Stringer’s breadth of knowledge committed to serving in this leadership capacity.

Beyond his clinical and academic accomplishments, Dr. Stringer truly understands the business of urology. He has lectured extensively on this topic and has held important business-related offices at the local, regional and national level. Whether we like it or not, the “business of medicine” has become as much about business as it is about medicine. If the AUA is to make strategic decisions and develop state-of-the-art programs that will serve its members well in the decades ahead, they need the skill and expertise of someone like Tom leading that process.

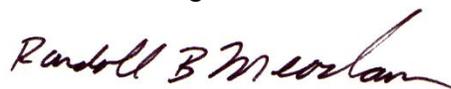
Another key element of Tom’s qualifications is that he currently serves on the Board of Directors of the American Urological Association. In that capacity, he has spent years learning the workings of this complex international organization and has made numerous important leadership contributions during his tenure. When elected President of the AUA, Dr. Stringer will be able to hit the ground running. He will be ideally positioned from day one to make critical decisions and lead the organization. That kind of experience simply cannot be duplicated.

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Perhaps the most compelling argument for Tom Stringer's candidacy for AUA President is one that you can only make after getting to know the person that he is. Tom is one of the most generous, loyal and principled individuals that it has been my privilege to know both personally and professionally. He works tirelessly for the benefit of those around him and consistently prioritizes the good of our profession at the very top of his agenda. Optimistic and effective when facing even the most complex challenges, Tom is a natural leader who inspires confidence and determination in those around him.

I am not a member of the Southeast Section of the AUA so I cannot vote in this election. That said, I and everyone in my section will be impacted by this election for the presidency of our national association. It is with the greatest conviction and enthusiasm that I recommend Dr. Tom Stringer for this critical leadership role. Tom is a wonderful human being, a skilled urologist and a gifted leader. He will make a superb president and I encourage you to support him with your vote in the upcoming election.

With Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall B Meacham".

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